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Eric Seleznow
Deputy Assistant Secretary
USDOL Employment and Training Administration
Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Mr. Seleznow,

As the Employment and Training Administration considers applications for the H-1B Ready to Work Partnership Grant opportunity (SGA/DFA PY-13-07), I would like to bring to your attention a proposal submitted by WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. in Fremont, Ohio.

The proposal is submitted in collaboration with Northwest State Community College, Terra State Community College, Penta Adult Career Center, Vantage Career Center, the Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, Area 7 Workforce Investment Board, Area 8 Workforce Investment Board, Lucas County Workforce Investment Board, the Ohio Department of Job & Families Services Veterans Department, and more than 20 employer partners within the advanced manufacturing, information technology, healthcare, and environmental sectors.

The JobsOhio Region 2 H-1B Ready to Work program in Northwest Ohio focuses on placing long-term unemployed individuals and veterans into jobs within occupations and industries for which employers are using H-1B visas to hire foreign workers. Comprehensive services and interventions will include: 1) intensive career coaching and other specialized services culminating in direct job placement into middle and high-skilled jobs; 2) short-term training leading to employment; and 3) accelerated skills training along a career pathway that leads to an industry-recognized credential and employment. In addition, the program includes employer-based activities with an earnings component, such as on-the-job training, as well as specialized participant services that address the unique barriers facing long-term unemployed workers and veterans.

Please give full and fair consideration to this proposal. I ask that you keep my office informed of the status of this application.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown United States Senator

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